

**CEREMONY FOR THE PRESENTATION  
OF THE PORTRAIT OF  
FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM A. DEVIN**

On May 7, 1987, at 10:00 a.m., the Supreme Court of North Carolina convened for the purpose of receiving the portrait of the Honorable William A. Devin, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Upon the opening of Court on the morning of May 7, 1987, the Clerk of the Supreme Court sounded the gavel and announced:

"The Honorable, the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of North Carolina."

All persons in the Courtroom rose, and upon the members of the Court reaching their respective places on the bench, the Clerk announced:

"Oyez, Oyez, Oyez—The Supreme Court of North Carolina is now sitting in ceremonial occasion for the presentation of the portrait of former Chief Justice William A. Devin. God save the State and this Honorable Court."

The Clerk was then seated.

Chief Justice James G. Exum, Jr., welcomed official and personal guests of the Court:

It is always a most pleasant occasion when the Court gathers for ceremonial purposes, such as we are convened here this morning, for the presentation of the portrait of a former Chief Justice of the Court, William A. Devin.

I want to welcome all of the many guests we have here. I'm not going to detract from the business at hand by calling everyone by name; but I would like to especially welcome former Chief Justices Bobbitt and Sharp, who honor us with their presence, and we do have a number of former Associate Justices of this Court who are here, and we have the Chief Judge and a number of members of the Court of Appeals. I would also be remiss, I think, if I didn't recognize a man who calls himself 'the oldest rat' in what will be an unnamed barn, Secretary of State Thad Eure is here, and we're glad to have you here, sir. I also want to welcome a number of the direct descendants and collateral descendants of Justice Devin, who are here with us today.